

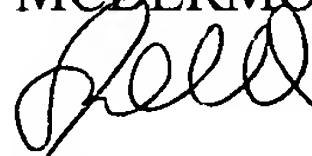
REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowance of the above-identified application, and his suggestions of minor correction to claim 1 and cancellation of non-elected claims 5-7, which suggestions have been complied with herein. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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